DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN FIVE COUNTIES

Unemployment for Those Impacted by Natural Disasters

On May 9, 2011, Gov. Nixon announced that his request for a major disaster declaration had been granted by President Barack Obama, opening the door for Missourians in five counties - **Butler, Mississippi, New Madrid, St. Louis** and **Taney** - whose employment was lost or interrupted due to severe storms, tornadoes and flooding from April 19, 2011, to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). This is a 26 week program and **claims must be filed by June 16, 2011.**

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DUA is available to workers or self-employed individuals in disaster areas at the time it occurred and whose major source of livelihood is damaged due to the disaster. A "major disaster" is a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, drought, ice conditions, fire or other catastrophe. DUA is not available if you are entitled to regular unemployment insurance benefits.

How to Apply

Call 800-778-4002 for important information about the DUA program. To file a claim, call your Regional Claims Center at 800-320-2519. You will need your Social Security Number (SSN) and proof of income (check stubs, W-2 forms, or a complete set of federal income tax returns from the most recently completed tax year if you were self-employed). For additional information, visit *www.labor.mo.gov/disaster*.





